

Information for Release

3/13/2012

Date of the notification to CPS: 3/10/2012

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 3/10/2012

Child's name: Damian

Age at time of incident: 3 Months

Perpetrator(s): Manuel Carrasco

Age: 21

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): At the time of the incident, the child and perpetrator were living in Safford.

A. Circumstances of the fatality or near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:

On March 10, 2012, Manuel Carrasco arrived at Mt. Graham Regional Hospital at about 10 a.m. with Damian and his sibling. Damian was not breathing and was not responsive. He was resuscitated and transported to UMC in Tucson. Damian has a skull fracture, subdural bleed and subarachnoid bleed. Non-accidental trauma cannot be ruled out at this time.

B. Whether CPS has received any reports or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian* :

CPS has received no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Damian by Manuel Carrasco.

1. Actions taken by CPS in response to the fatality or near fatality of the child including:

CPS is jointly investigating the allegations with the Safford Police Department.

2. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

Following an assessment of child safety, Damian's siblings have been placed into the care of a relative.

3. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

Services to be provided to the children and family will be determined when the investigation of the case is completed.

*Posted information provides whether there have been reports or any current or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child who has died or suffered a near fatality and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807(F)(2)(a)(iv).